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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION

1. TODAY'S PRESS BANNERS (A) SECRETARY KISSINGER'S VISIT TO ARAB CAPITALS; (B) MRS. MEIR'S RETURN TO ISRAEL; (C) SYRIAN FONMIN KHADDAM'S STATEMENT ON DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS; (D) INTER-ARAB BISITS AND POSSIBLE SUMMIT CONFERENCE; (E) TENSION ON CANAL FRONT.

2. PAPER'S PAST OPTIMISM ON AMERICAN DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS IS LARGEY REPLACED BY SKEPTICISM GROUNDED IN (A) INTRINSIC DIFFICULTY OF SECRETARY'S MISSION; (B) CONTINUED EXISTENCE OF CLOSE ISRAELI-AMERICAN RELATIONS; (C) TENSION ON CANAL FRONT; (D) REPERCUSSIONS OF WATERGATE AFFAIR. PRO-WEST AL-AMAL BANNERS: "KISSINGER BEGINS MISSION IMPOSSIBLE IN AREA". PRO-CAIRO AL-ANWAR HEADS LEAD EDITORIAL: "THE AMERICAN PROFESSOR AND HIS MISSION IMPOSSIBLE". PRO-CAMMANDO AL-LIWA BANNERS: "EGYPTIAN WARNING TO KISSINGER: FIGHTING WILL RESUME IF ISRAEL DOES NOT WITHDRAW".

3. SECRETARY'S VISIT TO CAIRO ENGENDERS MUCH COMMENT. FOR PRO-WEST AL-HAYAT, ITS SUCCESS OR FAILURE DEPENDS ON DISPOSITION OF ISSUE OF THIRD ARMY. FOR INDEPENDENT FRENCH UNCLASSIFIED

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AS-SAFA, IT DEPENDS ON OUTCOME OF U.S.

PRESSURE ON ISRAEL TO WITHDRAW TO OCT. 22 LINES. FOR LEADING INDEPENDENT ARABIC AN-NAHAR, IT DEPENDS
ON NATURE OF PEACE PLAN SECRETARY IS ASSUMED TO HAVE FORMULATED.
PRO-CAIRO AL-ANWAR EVEN OUTLINES A KISSINGER PEACE PLAN: (A)
DEMILITARIZATION OF SINAI WITH INTERNATIONAL FORCES AT SHARM
ASH-SHAYKH; (B) PALESTINIAN SELF-DETERMINATION IN GAZA; (C)
FREEDOM OF NAVIGATION FOR ALL NATIONS, INCLUDING ISRAEL,
THROUGH CANAL AND ELSEWHERE; (D) CONTINUED ISRAELI CONTROL OF
A UNITED JERUSALEM; (E) CREATION OF INDEPENDENT BUT DEMILITARIZED
STATE OF WEST BANK (AND GAZA, IF ITS PEOPLE SO CHOOSE) AFTER
MAJOR BORDER ADJUSTMENTS; (F) RETURN TO SYRIA AND DEMILITARIZATION
OF GOLAN HEIGHTS WITH INTERNATIONAL FORCES STATIONED AT VARIOUS
POINTS.

4. PRESS ADOPTS NO CLEAR LINE IN EVALUATING MRS. MEIR'S VISIT
TO WASHINGTON. SOME PAPERS, MOSTLY PRO-WEST AND INDEPENDENT,
EMPHASIZE ISRAELI-AMERICAN DIFFERENCES, WHILE OTHERS EMPHASIZE
CONTINUED ISRAELI-AMERICAN AGREEMENT. AL-HAYAT
BANNERS: "NIXON PRESSURE MEIR INTO ISSUING
PLEDGE TO WITHDRAW". AL-AMAL BANNERS: "MEIR CONFIRMS
DIFFERENCES OF OPINION WITH AMERICA. IMPORTANT DECISIONS
BEING TAKEN IN TEL AVIV". PRO-WEST NIDA AL-WATAN BANNERS:
"INFORMED CIRCLES IN WASHINGTON SHED LIGHT ON NIXON-MEIR
TALKS. ISRAEL REJECTS AMERICAN PROPOSALS". LEFTIST PAPERS
GENERALLY DOWNPLAY NEWS. HOWEVER, COMMUNIST AN-NIDA BANNERS:
"MEIR: AMERICAN CONFIRMED ITS IMMUTABLE FRIENDSHIP TO US".

5. PRESS HIGHLIGHTS SYRIAN FONMIN KHADDAM'S STATEMENT THAT
BOTH EGYPT AND SYRIA REJECT DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS, AS WELL AS
REPORTING VARIOUS INTER-ARAB MOVES TOWARDS CONVENING A SUMMIT CON-
FERENCE. ON LATTER POINT, HOWEVER, PAPERS ARE SPLIT AS TO CAIRO'S
ATTITUDE. AN-NAHAR BANNERS: "QUASI-UNANIMITY
ON ARAB SUMMIT TO BE HELD NEXT WEEK IN ALGIERS. AGENDA:
AMERICA'S ATTITUDE, PEACE CONFERENCE, PALESTINIAN PARTICIPATION".
ON OTHER HAND, LEADING INDEPENDENT FRENCH L'ORIENT-LE JOUR
BACKPAGES AN AFP REPORT THAT PRESIDENT SADAT DOES NOT FAVOR
COVENING A SUMMIT.

6. PERHAPS TAKING CUE FROM CAIRO MEDIA, PRESS PLAYS UP
TENSENESS OF MILITARY SITUATION ON CANAL FRONT. L'ORIENT-
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LE JOUR BANNERS: "EXTREME TENSION ON CANAL FRONT".
AL-ANWAR BANNERS: POPULAR RESISTANCE MOVES IN SUEZ". THAT
ARAB DEMANDS ARE SERIOUS AND THAT ARAB WILLINGNESS TO
FIGHT IS STRONG ARE POPULAR COROLLARIES TO THESE STORIES.
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